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**FIRE MARSHAL ANNOUNCES SECOND ANNUAL "STATE FALLEN FIREFIGHTER RECOGNITION CEREMONY"**

The State Fire Marshal's Office in conjunction with the Walk of Honor Foundation announced today their plans for the second annual ceremony recognizing Louisiana's Fallen Firefighters. The ceremony will be held on Saturday, March 29th, 2008 at the Office of the State Fire Marshal located at 8181 Independence Blvd. in Baton Rouge. The event begins at 10:30 a.m. with a parade of fire apparatus, fire service honor guards and mass bagpipe band. A reception follows immediately. The ceremony will honor those fire fighters killed in the line of duty as well as all those who serve in Louisiana's fire service.

"The Walk of Honor Foundation in partnership with the fire service of Louisiana wanted to make this ceremony for the families of those individuals who lost their lives doing their job," Boyd Petty, Vice President of the Walk of Honor Foundation, stated. "Whether responding to a fire or simply going to work like any other day, these individuals will be remembered and honored. Now is the time for Louisiana to honor her own heroes", Petty concluded. Fire service members and honor guards from across the entire state will be in attendance.

The ceremony will be hosted by the Louisiana State Firemen's Association, the Louisiana Fire Chief's Association, the Professional Firefighters of Louisiana, the Louisiana Fire Service Honor Guard Association, the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and Louisiana State University Fire and Emergency Training Institute.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

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